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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FOR PRESIDENT NIXON

1. DR. CHARLES MALIK, FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER AND ALLEGEDLY FRIEND OF PRESIDENT NIXON, ASKED ME MAY 23 TO TRANSMIT FOLLOWING MESSAGE FOR PRESIDENT: " GENERAL GHANEM HAS ASKED ME PERSONALLY TO REQUEST THAT USG EXPEDITE THE PROCESSING OF THE MILITARY EQUIPMENT WHICH HE HAS ORDERED FROM THE USG MAY 21 BY WAIVING THE QUESTION OF PAYMENT, WHERE POSSIBLE, AND IN DELIVERING MATERIAL TO THE LEBANESE ARMY WITH THE SHORTEST POSSIBLE DELAY. I GATHER FATE OF LEBANON WILL DEPEND ON GETTING EQUIPMENT HERE IN SHORTEST POSSIBLE TIME. MOST GRATEFUL FOR EARLY REPLY."

2. I ENDEAVORED TO TALK MALIK OUT OF THE MESSAGE, POINTING OUT THAT THE WHITE HOUSE AND THE DEPARTMENT APPRECIATED THE URGENCY OF THE SITUATION IN LEBANON, WERE CONCERNED, AND WERE DOING WHAT THEY COULD TO HELP. I POINTED OUT TO HIM THAT THE LIST REQUESTED BY GHANEM WHICH HAD TAKEN A WEEK TO PRODUCE WAS BEING DISCUSSED WITH THE ARMY IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH PRIORITIES AND CLARIFY AND DEFINE THE ITEMS REQUESTED. AS SOON AS THE LIST WAS IN PROCESSABLE FORM IT WOULD BE SENT AND I EXPECTED THAT TO BE TODAY ( IT WAS).

3. HE SAID HE ACCEPTED WHAT I TOLD HIM BUT SAID TO  
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EASE HIS CONSCIENCE HE WOULD BE MOST GRATEFUL IF I  
COULD SEND THE MESSAGE.

COMMENT: INFORMATION WE HAVE RECEIVED TO DATE FROM  
MANY SOURCES WITHIN AND OUTSIDE GOVERNMENT, INDICATE  
THAT GOL IS VERY PLEASED WITH SUPPORT WE HAVE GIVEN  
THEM. I AM SURE PRESIDENT FRANGIE IS NOT AWARE OF MALIK'S  
MESSAGE.  
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